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To Whom It May Concern,

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My name is Amanda Mullin and I am a resident of Mount Union, Iowa. It was recently decided to close our city's post office and I am writing to appeal this decision.

I realize and understand why Mount Union's office is an easy target, since only approximately 130 people reside inside the city limits, and maybe not many more in the rural areas benefit from our post office. I also understand that our service won't be interrupted, but frankly I don't care that it won't. Because of your decision, I and other people who use the post office for more than just our personal mail will be affected!

I am the secretary of the United Methodist Church and use a bulk-mailing permit to mail our newsletters. Now, I am going to have to drive 7 miles one way to mail these letters. We (the church) could make the decision to quit distributing our monthly letter to keep costs down, but why should we have to do that? We should be able to go to our local office in Mount Union, Iowa and use the post office in our town.

I know you don't care at all about how this will hurt the town because you have plans to close down so many and why should we be any different. Maybe we shouldn't, but I despise the idea of losing it and I have to right the appeal the decision and let you know how I feel about it.

The "town meeting" in our city's community building felt like a HUGH slap in the face, because we all knew that it was a technicality and it didn't really seem to matter what we said, I'm sure you had already made up your minds long before that night. And furthermore, it was discussed on whether to install cluster boxes in town or have each resident have their own mailbox at their home. Personally, I feel that if you are going to close my post office, my mail should at least be delivered to my house.

I don't know if this letter will ever see the light of day, or even make any difference what so ever, but I am grateful for the opportunity to write it. I hope and pray that you will reconsider closing, however, I'm sure the decision you make will have the citizens "best interest at heart." I would also like to take this opportunity to say that if you would take the time to pray and meditate on what direction God wants this country to take, maybe we wouldn't be in the current economic situation we are in and have to make hard decisions like this.

My final thoughts are these; it is extremely upsetting to know that our post office in Mount Union, Iowa is closing and I pray that one way or another, our post office will be spared and remain open. That is my ultimate hope.

Sincerely,

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